

REMARKS

A. Introduction

Claims 1-17 are pending and under consideration with claims 1-7 and 12 previously withdrawn.

Claims 8-11 and 13-17 were rejected.

Without conceding to the merits of the rejection, claims have been amended to clarify an aspect of the present general inventive concept.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are requested.

B. Interview Summary

The Petition Decision mailed April 16, 2009 reports that it was determined the final rejection was proper in an Interview. However, this is incorrect. In fact, one of the primary purposes of the Petition was to note the gross mismanagement of this case by the USPTO that is unsupported by any Rule or Statute.

Accordingly, Applicant maintains that the Final was improper and objects to the characterization of facts by the Petition Decision.

C. Rejections

Independent claim 8 currently recites, "a frame including (i) a first portion having a first outer radius, the first portion extending about an exterior perimeter of the frame, (ii) a second portion having a second outer radius that is smaller than the first outer radius, the second portion extending about an interior perimeter of the frame with respect to the first portion to form a lip, and (iii) a groove separating said first portion from said second portion."

Royal is silent regarding a frame having two portions or a groove. These features are advantageous for at least the reason that they collaborate to increase the structural integrity of the frame. Because Royal does not have all of the features of the present general inventive concept, Royal cannot provide all of the benefits of the present general inventive concept.

Accordingly, independent claim 8 is patentable over Royal for at least this reason.

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D. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, there being no other objections or rejections, this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,

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